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## Admiraltg-Office, June 22, 1826.

**W** ICE-ADMIRAL Sir Harry Neale has transmitted to John Wilson Croker, Esq. a letter froin Captain Hamilton, of His Majesty's ship Cambrian, inclosing a report from Captain George Hope Johnstone, of His Majesty's sloop Alacrity, of the destruction of four piratical vessels, on the 9th and 10th of April last, under the Greek islands of Ipsera and Andros.

The Alacrity having left Smyrna Bay on the 6th of April, was passing the island of lpsera on the morning of the 9th, when two misticoes, deceived by the manner in which Captain Hope Johnstone had disguised her being a brig of war, came out from under Autipsera, and gave chace to her. The Captain allowed them to near the Alacrity, but when within about two miles of her, they discovered that she was a vessel of war, and did their utmost to get away with sweeps and sails. The Alacrity made all sail to cut them off; and the boats were sent in chace of them, under the orders of Lieutenant Priscott, First of the Alacrity. After pulling more than thirteen miles, the boats forced the pirates to ground their vessels, and to fly on shore in Ipsera Mole, where they took up a position in front of some ruined houses near the Mole. The pirates were about fifty in number, more than double the number of the Alacrity's party; and on being asked to send their Leader to the Commander of the boats, they answered with a volley of musketry, which was promptly returned from the boats; Lieutenant Triscott, with his Officers and men, then leaped on shore, and the pirates fled, availing themselves of the shelter of the houses to escape to the hills. The boats returned to the Alaciity, bringing with them the two misticoes, which Captain Hope Johnstone caused.

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Early in the morning of the following day, the Alacrity being in the Doro Passage, Captain Hope Johnstone discovered two misticoes standing out from a bay in the island of Andros to cut her off ; and observing them shortly after tack and stand back, he made all sail in chace, and selft the cutter to pursue them, under the command of Lieutenant Triscott. The crews of the misticoes, npwards of sixty in number, landed, and took possession of an old tower, situated on a rock, which commanded the creek into which they had run their vessels; and as the cutter came near, they opened a very heavy fire of musketry on her, which was instantly and smartly returned, the boat pushing on in a most gallant and judicious manner. The Alacrity covered her with her guns, and fired several broad-sides, which assisted to drive the privates from the rocks. Lieutenant Triscott and his men, eighteen in all, landed, and pursued the pirates up the hills, keeping up a sharp fire on them; whilst the Alacrity anchored, and the Captain sent the other boats to assist. Shortly after the boats returned, and brought with them the two misticoes, which were burnt and scuttled, and three prisoners, one of them severely wounded. Two seamen and one marine were wounded in the Alacring's cutter; and in setting one of the misticoes on fire, an explosion unfortunately took place, by which Lieutenant Wheatley was severely burnt.

Captain Hope Johnstone, in his report, expresses the highest approbation of the conduct of his Officers and men; and in transmitting the report, Sir Harry Neale, as well as Captam Hamilton, commend the active and spirited exertions of Captain Johnstone, and of Licutenant Triscott, on those occasions.

Crown-Office, June 23, 1826. MEMBERS returned to serve in the new PARLIAMENT.

City of London.

William Thompson, Esq. Citizen, Alderman, and Ironmonger.